

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Dent,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,—yet to be announced.

Mr. Giddings submitted the following order :

Ordered, That a committee of nine be appointed by the President to consider the propriety of organizing a department of the State Government, to be known as the Department of Labor and Agriculture ; and if, in their judgment, the establishment of such a department would be beneficial to the people of Maryland, then to report to this Convention a plan for the same.

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Devries submitted the following substitute :

Ordered, That a special committee of one from each county and one from the city of Baltimore, be appointed by the President on Agriculture and Public Roads ;

Which was rejected.

The question then recurring upon the order submitted by Mr. Giddings,

It was adopted.

Mr. Barry submitted the following :

Article. That the written and expressed provisions of the Federal and State Constitutions apply alike in time of peace as well as in time of war, and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, is subversive of good government, national and State faith, and tends to anarchy and despotism ;

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Barry,

Referred to the Committee to consider and report upon the Declaration of Rights, yet to be announced.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from the State Librarian ;

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

Laid on the table.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :